

# David Simpson

## Biography

Representative David Simpson currently serves the 7th House District in the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas, having taken the oath of office on January 11, 2011. From 1993 to 1998 Mr. Simpson served as Mayor of the City of Avinger, Texas. He passionately supports limiting civil government to its proper role and getting it out of the way of individual liberty and responsibility.

Rep. Simpson is President and Chief Executive Officer of Avinger Timber LLC, which owns and manages its own timberlands in several counties in northeastern Texas. He also manages other small businesses including Simpson Publishing Company, which he founded. Previously he was employed by Republic Group Incorporated (formerly NYSE: RGC) as Manager of Mill Operations (1998-2000) and Executive Vice President-Paperboard (2000). He was a director of the company from 1994 to 1998 and in 2000 until it was sold.

Rep. Simpson is a seventh generation Texan. He was born in Lubbock and grew up in Dallas, spending summers and weekends in East Texas at the family's home place in Avinger, where his family settled in the mid 1800s. Rep. Simpson and his family have lived in Longview since 2000. He has been married to his wife, Susan, for 25 years. They have been blessed with seven children and one grandson. The youngest four children are still at home.

Rep. Simpson is a 1983 graduate of Vanderbilt University, receiving a B.A. in philosophy, and a 1988 graduate of Trinity Ministerial Academy of Montville, New Jersey. He is an active member of Grace Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant.

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